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Bldg. Permits Withdrawn As Result of Cohen Report

A report written by Greenbelt city councilwoman Rhea L. Cohen has been instrumental in securing a review of Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) practices in issuing sewer permits. Mrs. Cohen, who was hired by Prince Georges County Executive William W. Gullett as special consultant, was critical of an interpretation by WSSC officials which permitted excessive sewer connections for apartments despite a State-imposed moratorium on sewer hookups.

As a result, Gullett announced last week that he was withdrawing or revoking building permits issued to several apartment projects. The builders, in turn, have stated that they will go to court to seek a reversal of Gullett's decision.

One developer involved is Alan Kay and associates who have been having difficulties in getting sewage hookup for their proposed Greenbriar apartment project on the Smith-Ewing property. The project of Kay's that Gullett halted was Cherry Glen near Powdermill Road in the Beltsville area.

David Elliott, incoming chairman of WSSC, announced that WSSC has now tightened the requirements for getting a building permit.

According to the Cohen report, WSSC General Counsel John B. Kenkel interpreted the moratorium order as banning only new "authorizations" and not new "connections" for sewer lines, with the exception of the Piscataway sewer service area, in which connections as well as authorizations are prohibited. Mrs. Cohen said that applications for connections, which are defined in WSSC parlance as lines of less than 15" diameter, have been granted routinely by the WSSC plumbing office without approval of the commissioners themselves.

Under this interpretation, according to county officials, apartment developers were permitted to hook up sewer lines to those previously installed for single residences, as long as their lots abutted an existing sewer and the rezoning had occurred prior to the issuance of the moratorium. Gullett said that this interpretation violated the spirit of the moratorium.

Gullett said that Dr. Neil Solomon, director of the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, has now concurred in the decision to stop high density sewage hookups in moratorium areas. County Health Officer Perry Stearns had earlier asked Dr. Solomon to comment on the WSSC interpretation of the sewer ban, but got no response. Dr. Stearns had also questioned the interpretation.

Rec. Dept. Gets Funds

The city of Greenbelt will receive \$15,149 in recreation funds from the Park and Planning Commission for the fiscal year 1972-73. This information was received in a communication to Recreation Director Darald Lofgren from the commission.

The total amount of the allocation is broken into five categories: \$7,142 for additional staff for the recreation center (1820 man hours); \$4,528 for summer playgrounds (2152 hours); \$931 for teen club (272 hours); \$1,546 for junior high gym; and \$1,000 for miscellaneous.

Vehicle Laws Change

Maryland Motor Vehicle Administrator, Ejner J. Johnson, advised motorists to think twice before throwing trash or litter from their automobile onto Maryland highways, since after July 1 they will be subject to a one-point assessment against their driving record in addition to the normal fine upon conviction for such an offense.

WHAT GOES ON

Monday, July 10, 8 p.m. City Council Meeting, Municipal Building

Thursday, July 13, 7:45 p.m. GHI Board Meeting, Hamilton Pl.

MOSQUITO CONTROL

Spraying in the mosquito control program will take place on every other Tuesday in Springhill Lake and the Beltway Plaza, and on Wednesday in the rest of the city, weather permitting. Scheduled dates are: July 18-19; August 1-2, 15-16, 29-30.

CONSUMER PROTECTION

Francis B. Burch, Maryland Attorney General, has opened a metropolitan Washington branch office at 5112 Berwyn Road, College Park. The office, open Monday thru Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. is expected to provide a direct liaison with the Prince Georges and Montgomery counties area. Much of the energy of the office will be devoted to consumer protection affairs. The telephone number is 474-3500 or 474-3501.

Special Taxing District

Arguments on the city of Greenbelt's case to secure court approval for the creation of a special taxing district to finance Center Mall improvements will be heard Monday, July 10, before a Circuit Court Judge in Upper Marlboro.

The city, through its solicitor Emmett Nanna, is seeking a declaratory judgment which would declare constitutional city ordinance #722, enacted December 20, 1971. The ordinance authorizes the issuance of bonds and the levying of an ad valorem tax on Center Mall property owners within the special taxing district to pay annual principal and interest costs for these bonds. The bonds would be used for the purpose of financing improvements to the mall, including parking facilities and street and area lighting.

The city had previously, in March, 1970, received a ruling on an earlier ordinance that it could not establish a special taxing district for the purpose of levying taxes against center mall property owners to finance the operation and maintenance of the commercial center. The earlier ordinance had provided that the cost of maintenance and improvement of the mall would be shared equally by the city and the property owners in the special taxing district. The 1971 ordinance provides that the property owners would bear the entire cost of the renovation but would not pay any annual maintenance and cleaning charges.

Abraham Chasanow, on behalf of several of the property owners (William and Charles Cohen, Greenbelt Realty Company, and Greenbelt Professional Building, Inc.) has filed a reply with the court. The attorney argues that the 1971 ordinance, like the earlier one, is invalid on the grounds that

(1) the ordinance would impose a double burden of taxation on the property owners, who also pay city real estate taxes on the same property;

(2) the ordinance arbitrarily and discriminatorily excluded certain properties in the center when designating the boundaries of the special taxing district;

(3) the Maryland State code cited by Nanna as authority for the ordinance does not apply to pedestrian malls and public parking facilities already in existence;

(4) no special taxing districts have been set up elsewhere in the city for improvements to property owned by the city;

(5) the ordinance is an attempt to punish the center mall property owners by assessing them 100 percent of the cost of improvements.

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

Monday, July 10, 1972
8 p.m.

I. ORGANIZATION

- 1 Call to Order
- 2 Roll Call
- 3 Meditation
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- 4 Minutes of Regular Meeting of June 12, 1972
Minutes of Special Meeting of June 22, 1972
Minutes of Special Meeting of June 29, 1972
- 5 Additions to Agenda by Councilmen and Manager

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- 10 Appointment to Advisory Planning Board
- 11 Appointments to Park and Recreation Advisory Board
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IV. NEW BUSINESS

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- 14 An Ordinance Prohibiting Thru Truck Traffic on Edmonston Road - First Reading
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- 17 Open Space Grant Contract - OSA 79
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- 20 Meetings

V. MISCELLANEOUS

Sewage Treatment Tests Delayed by Hurricane

Another casualty of Hurricane "Agnes" was the plan for full-scale testing of a new chemical treatment process to increase the capacity of the Western Branch Wastewater Treatment plant. A successful test will presumably permit the plant to handle post-moratorium conditional authorizations for hookups such as those granted the Greenbriar and Glen Ora apartment projects, thus eliminating the need for an on-site temporary sewage treatment plant.

Holding up the tests also was the yet-unresolved problem of sludge disposal.

Preliminary tests of the chemical process last month produced inconclusive results. Some problems arose because different chemical processes were involved. The chemicals had to be kept compatible with the biological processes operating within the plant.

The excessive rains that have fallen have affected all sewage treatment. The plants are open

GHI Board Gets Bogged Down In Housekeeping Matters

by Sandra Barnes

Before getting to the items on the agenda, the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. board was asked by one of its recently-elected members, Howard Brooks, to cancel the special meeting the board and 20 visitors had convened to attend on June 22.

Brooks was enraged over the fact that no minutes had been provided from the previous board meeting and felt he could not properly function as a board member without minutes delivered to him in time for him to study them.

Other board members felt that his point was well-taken, but that, as board member Janet James stated, "It would be irresponsible to cancel a meeting in which we have important items to discuss." Brooks then agreed to withdraw his objection provided that the "secretary (of the board) be empowered to do whatever is necessary to provide the board with minutes prior to its next meeting."

Chairman Jim Smith ruled that this was not a proper motion because Thursday's was a special meeting, and the motion would be proper only at a regular board session. However the idea would be conveyed to the secretary, Norman Weyel, who was absent from the meeting.

Board member Tom White observed that the whole discussion was out of order since minutes were not on the agenda. Thus the first item on the agenda, "Approval of Agenda" received five affirmative votes and one abstention from Brooks, and the board proceeded with its business nearly an hour after the meeting had convened.

Executive Committee Hassle

Chairman Smith reported that the Executive Committee, consisting of the four officers of the board, had met to discuss how committees could best conduct their operations. It was decided, explained Smith, to implement the Cresap, McCormick, Paget firm (which performed the management audit) recommendations on committee staffing.

CMP recommended the formation of an executive committee and three standing committees in the areas of finance, planning, and member relations. Each chairman of the standing committee would be a board member who would also be a member of the Executive Committee. Other board members would serve on at least two other committees. All other GHI committees would be advisory in nature to each standing committee and their members which could be drawn from the membership, would be appointed by each committee chairman.

Smith further remarked that the Executive Committee had recommended chairmen for the standing committees and had also recommended board members to serve on these committees.

Brooks Attacks

Upon concluding his remarks, Smith and the other board members were severely castigated by Brooks. He charged that the Executive Committee had met without consulting other board members and had arbitrarily "decided to scrap existing committees." He said that he was given no chance to express his opinions. Further, though he had originally been in favor of the Executive Committee, he now opposed it because, he stated, it was obvious to him that the committee was "attempting to do in secret what it can't do in the open." No new board member had been asked to chair a committee, he angrily proclaimed, and further, "he had no trust in the Executive Committee." Upon concluding his prepared remarks, Brooks was loudly applauded by several members of the audience.

Board Responds

Board member Nat Shinderman was first to respond, stating "That's a fine piece of demagoguery. The chairman of the board has the power to establish committees," Shinderman noted, "and he was carrying out what the by-laws have empowered him to do."

"How dare you have an Executive Committee meeting which I knew nothing about," Brooks thundered.

White then explained that it was and conditions must return to normal before testing can begin.

true that the first meeting of the Executive Committee had not been publicly announced, and that this had been an oversight. Smith had informally asked the board members at the end of the last board meeting when they could all get together, and the meeting had thus been arranged. "What is presented tonight is recommendations from the first meeting of the Executive Committee, not a fait accompli" as Brooks had charged, White concluded.

Board member David Lange said he didn't understand Brooks' charges since at the last board meeting, the members had recommended the formation of the Executive Committee, and Smith's report presented that night specifically stated that the standing committees and the staffing were recommendations only.

Audit committee member Gordon Allen affirmed that the Audit Committee had not been informed of the meeting either, and he thought it should be called a private caucus, not an Executive Committee. He also objected to restructuring the committees which he claimed was not a high priority item in the CMP report.

Lange asserted that the subject of the Executive Committee was known even if the date wasn't. White noted the restructuring of committees was fourth on CMP list of priorities, and that this restructuring was necessary if the corporation was to be on target with other CMP recommendations which would be dependent on well-functioning committees.

Shinderman made the motion that the committee structure recommended by the president be approved. This was seconded and further discussed, and finally approved 5-1, with Brooks casting the negative vote.

Staffing

The board next considered the staffing of the committees. Previously board member Tony Lynch, incoming chairman of the Member Relations Committee, and Shinderman, noting Lynch's keen interest and knowledge in the subject proposed Lynch as chairman of that committee. With this one change, the staffing was approved, 5-1, Brooks dissenting. The vice president, David Lange, will be chairman of the Planning Committee, and treasurer White will be chairman of the Finance Committee. Lynch was also made a member of the Executive Committee by virtue of his chairmanship. Brooks and Lynch both opted to serve on all three standing committees.

Lange proposed that "the standing committees have authority, subject to board approval, to confirm, establish and staff advisory and ad hoc committees in their subject area." This was approved. Also, each committee chairman was asked to develop a mission statement to bring back to the board.

TAA Survey Report

General Manager Roy Breashears presented a report to the board which reviewed the findings and recommendations of the structural survey performed by The Architectural Affiliation (TAA). Breashears felt more information was needed from TAA to better validate the recommendations. In particular, he wanted to know the cost of the installation of the electrical heating system together with comparison costs of all feasible alternatives. What are the necessary structural improvements for each alternative heating system and their respective costs? What other work should be done to achieve significant reduction in heating maintenance costs? What are the costs of doing the work that

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Hal Silvers of Greenbelt P. G. Civil Defense Chief

From Prince George's County Office of Public Information

There is little defense against R. Hal Silvers, chief of Prince George's Civil Defense and Emergency Preparedness Agency. When this short, mustachioed man from Greenbelt confronts a crisis, his adrenalin flows fast and obstacles are overcome—with a flourish.

Floods, storms, massive fires, tornadoes, hurricanes, and civil disturbances have all been part of his job—which he sees mainly as coordination of county resources "to protect people—first people—and then property in emergencies."

In spite of the word "defense" in his agency's title, most of Silvers' energies through his 13 years as director have been spent coping with the quirks of nature.

During the three-day blizzard of January 1966, 1,500 stranded motorists were rescued by police and firemen throughout Prince George's. They were taken at Silvers' direction to the County Courthouse in Upper Marlboro, North Forestville Elementary School, fire houses, and Civil Defense headquarters—at the time—in the Greenbelt Armory.

"We tracked down the managers of supermarkets and asked for their help with food on Sunday afternoon. These things always happen on Sunday," he said. "We got helicopters from Andrews and Fort Meade to deliver it."

"That whole operation cost the county only seventeen dollars and some cents," he added. "We asked the stores to bill us after the storm and only one ever did."

Supplies Stockpiled

To deal with such disasters, Silvers has bedding, medical supplies, and even a 200-bed pre-packaged hospital stockpiled around the county. "We have enough generators to light up the entire county if we have to," he continued.

Hundreds of Prince Georgians have been trained in survival, medical self-help, radio operations and radiation defense and detection through programs initiated in Silvers' department.

Through the federal Civil Defense Agency, which pays half of the \$60,000 yearly tab for Silvers' operation, PG's Civil Defense Agency and the county police and fire departments have been able to acquire, for nominal fees, over \$5 million worth in surplus federal public safety equipment from radiation detection devices to water pumps.

The Operations Center

Prince Georges Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was set up by Silvers adjacent to his office in the basement of the County Service Building in Hyattsville as a command center fully equipped for the county government to operate in emergency situations.

There is direct radio communication with the District of Columbia Emergency Operations Center, state police and civil defense headquarters, federal emergency channels, and all county departments. There are also 20 outside telephone lines and several "hot lines" to emergency help.

Special stations are provided for all county department heads, including a rumor control telephone center to be manned by Prince George's Office of Public Information.

Maps of the county, the District of Columbia, and the University of Maryland line the walls. Magnetic symbols and arrows to plot minute-by-minute action are on hand.

Several county maps have numbered symbols representing supply centers, shelter, churches, schools and sirens. A nearby directory gives the name, address and phone

Indoor Pool Advantage

To the Editor:

Normally when we think of an indoor swimming pool we visualize winter usage but don't see much utilization for it in the summer. This past week proved, however, that even in the summer there are periods when an indoor pool would be very helpful.

The cold rainy snap raised havoc with the aquatic recreation schedule, including swimming lessons and swim team practice. Although hopefully we won't see a repeat of such weather for many years, this did reveal another plus for an indoor pool.

Daniel B. Charter

number of each location—including evening numbers for store managers.

Although the radio room is used regularly to keep on top of situations—always for monitoring storm possibilities and most recently for disturbances at the University of Maryland—the full emergency potential of the center has thus far been used only in "exercises," which Silvers holds periodically for county department heads. Crises are created for the county chiefs and all staff respond as if they were the real thing.

Gullett Informed

According to present emergency guidelines, Silvers keeps County Executive William W. Gullett informed of possible emergency situations and the decision to declare a disaster situation in the county rests with the executive. On his word, all county department heads would proceed immediately to the EOC.

Silvers emphasizes that each county chief writes the emergency plan for his own department. "Police know police work. Firemen know firefighting. Public Works men know engineering. I don't interfere, I just pose various problems to them and ask them to draw up a schematic on how to solve them."

In defensive efforts, federal air raid sirens have been placed countywide by Silver's agency. There are also 400 public fall-out shelters stocked with food and medical supplies at federal expense by the county unit.

"We have space for 300,000 in the shelters," Silvers continued. "I don't know what I'd do with the other 400,000 county residents, but I really don't think—and I hope I'm right—that we'll ever have to go underground."

Volunteers

When he took over the agency in 1955, there were about 6,800 volunteers. "I've melted that down to 3,200—who are well trained and well disciplined. I volunteer them in, and sometimes, I volunteer them out." Close to a hundred volunteers are radio operators. Some are skilled in radiation control and others cover a wide range of specialties.

Two volunteers from Silvers' first year in office—Harold Siegel of Greenbelt and Robert J. Cahoon of Adelphi—serve as deputy directors for disaster analysis and emergency field services. "They're still with me."

Silvers said that he is "pleased" with the recent federal move to combine the U. S. Civil Defense Office with the Office of Emergency Preparedness. "We've been doing this all along," he stressed. "Five days after I was appointed we had a hurricane and I was there."

In cooperation with Prince George's administrative officer, Silvers plans to change his department's name to emphasize that his office responds to all emergencies. "The phrase 'civil defense' conjures up images of air raid wardens with white suits and helmets waiting for the bomb," he said.

How Many Votes?

To the Editor:

I am glad that Cathy Foster has finally acknowledged in writing that the Greenbelt Homes, Inc., larger homes program was undertaken as the result of a majority vote of the membership at a meeting in August, 1965, and not as the result of a conspiracy foisted on the membership by a dictatorial board, as has been loosely charged at every GHI election held in the past five years.

Mrs. Foster's gripe seems to be that only one vote was taken on the issue and that conditions had changed subsequent to the vote. Since conditions were constantly changing during this period of rising prices and interest rates, how many votes would Mrs. Foster have proposed? Two? Three? Or perhaps she favored a World Series type of vote—the best four out of seven?

As a matter of fact, because of the rise in construction costs and interest rates, the GHI Board did consult with all those members who had indicated an interest in the townhouses (the four free-standing homes were already occupied) to determine whether they were willing to pay the higher costs involved. Since the full share of costs of the larger homes program was being borne by the buyers of the homes, this seemed to be a logical approach. When these prospective buyers agreed to meet the higher costs, the Board went ahead with the mandate of the membership as expressed in the August, 1965 secret ballot.

Mrs. Foster apparently still insists that this earlier vote by secret ballot was nullified by a burst of applause that occurred at a December, 1968 membership meeting (called for another purpose entirely) in response to a casual statement that the larger homes program might need to be postponed. This indeed would be a strange way to conduct corporation business. Perhaps instead of spending our energies during the last year in seeking electoral reforms, we should have rented or purchased applause meters.

I am also glad that Mrs. Foster acknowledges in writing that we are getting for the corporation and its membership a 6% return on its investment in the four free-standing homes. This is as high a return as GHI is getting on its investments except appliance and home improvement loans to members. From some of the propaganda that has been circulating at election times, one would get the impression that GHI made a gift of money to these four new home owners.

Stephen Polaschik

Adult Volleyball

There will be volleyball for adults on Mon. and Wed. evenings at 7:30 at Center School. All are invited.

SWIM TEAM NEWS

by Mike "Turtle" Jones

Eight year old Nicolette Durantine probably surprised even herself to find that she had swum away with the Beltsville pool records in 10-and-under butterfly and in 8-and-under backstroke and freestyle last Saturday when Greenbelt toppled Beltsville 281-191. Records were also set by Sue Smith in 13-14 freestyle and medley, Lynn Labukas in 9-and-10 breast and back strokes, George Jones in 15-17 butterfly, Colleen Davis in 13-and-14 breast stroke, and the relay team of Nicolette Durantine, Gina Petrillo, Mariette Vanderzon, Sue Smith and Cindy Davis. Bobby Oliver saved face for Beltsville by taking records in 13-and-14 butterfly and backstroke.

Jim Vanderzon, Mariette Vanderzon, Sue Smith, and Nicolette Durantine scored the maximum 15 points by individual swimmers. Other high scorers were Lynn Labukas (13), Colleen Davis (13), George Jones (13), Reggie Smith, (12), Jeff Douglas (12), Cindy Davis (11), Olga Penney (10), Bob Mongelli (10), and David Mongelli (10).

Elsewhere in the division, last ranked Brandywine upset first ranked BCC "Y" 231-211, and Landover overpowered Gateway 283½-191½.

This Saturday, Greenbelt will remain at home against Gateway. Swimmers and officials should be at the pool by 8:30 a.m. so that the meet can begin at 9.

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is primarily aesthetic in nature?

Director James also noted that the method of financing which TAA recommended is contrary to parts of the mutual homeowners' contract.

Shinderman wanted to know which areas TAA felt needed repair in one-five or ten years. He also wanted to get their thoughts on the kind of technical advice needed for correcting problems with alternatives.

It was agreed that the board would meet with members of TAA July 20 to discuss the manager's list and the board's questions. Any GHI member who feels he has special expertise in a particular subject to be discussed at this meeting is asked to submit in writing his name and special-interest field to the manager if he wishes to be invited to attend this meeting. (The meeting is thus limited because TAA will be paid by the hour).

A report on the townhouse meeting held earlier in the week was postponed to the next regular board meeting on July 13.

Spellman President of NACo

Mrs. Gladys N. Spellman, a member of the County Council of Prince George's County, Md., was elected president of the National Association of Counties (NACo.) on June 27.

Mrs. Spellman, who served during the past year as NACo first vice president, is the first woman ever elected to a NACo office.

MISHKAN TORAH SCHEDULE

Summer services at the Mishkan Torah are held Friday evenings at 8:30 p.m. and Saturday mornings at 9:30 a.m. Friday services are followed by a study circle on Proverbs.

Raley-Sisson

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton W. Raley, 17 Empire Place, announce the marriage of their daughter, Caron Elizabeth, to Charles R. Sisson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Sisson of Berwyn Heights. The ceremony was held at Greenbelt Community Church with the Rev. Robert L. Field officiating. The couple is residing in Springhill Lake.

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9:45 A.M.	Sunday School	7:00 P.M.	Training Union
11:00 A.M.	Morning Worship	8:00 P.M.	Evening Worship
7:30 P.M. Wednesday		Midweek Service	

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NOTICE

At its Regular Meeting of July 10, 1972 the Greenbelt City Council will consider recommendations of the Park and Recreation Advisory Board for the development of the Lakewood Stream Valley Park. Interested citizens, particularly those residing in Woodland Hills and Lakewood, are encouraged to present their views.

Gudrun H. Mills, City Clerk

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REFRIGERATOR and WASHER for sale. Both in good condition. \$20 each or best offer. Call 459-6983.

HEARING ON CLUSTER ZONING JULY 13

A public hearing is set for July 13 on legislation proposed by councilman Francis W. White, and Francis B. Francois, to lower housing density within cluster developments in Prince Georges county.

The hearing will be in the Courthouse in Upper Marlboro at 7:30 p.m.

Introduced in County Council June 6, the bill asks fewer dwellings per gross acre (total tract area minus all parcels bought by public agencies for public facilities) and new advertising procedures for zoning changes in cluster developments. Clustering was originally designed to promote variety in residential housing while preserving recreational open space in designated areas.

As total density for cluster developments in the R-R zone, the bill proposes the total tract area have no more than three dwelling units per gross acre and that no less than 80 percent of the units be detached single family houses. For land zoned R-55 (single-family detached residential), cluster developments would have a maximum total tract density of 4.2 dwelling units per gross acre and at least 75 percent of the units would be detached single family dwellings.

Further, the bill states that only single family dwellings may be built in the R-R zone. This is the first time a county ordinance bans higher density housing in the rural residential zoning.

Goldiggers Win Awards

Those glittering Goldiggers participated in the Savage, Md., Kaydettes parade which was held June 17 and won a fourth place trophy. Tiny tot leader Beth Tafoya and junior leader Terry Vidi each won first place.

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Congratulations to Joanne Patricia Sarni, 51-F Ridge, who was named to the Dean's List at Frostburg State College during the second semester of the 1971-72 academic year.

Marine Pvt. David H. Martin, has reported for duty with the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing, at the Marine Corps Air Station in Cherry Point, N.C.

Navy Seaman Recruit David A. Morehead, son of Mrs. Gloria Morehead, 137 Westway Drive, graduated from recruit training at the Naval Training Center in Great Lakes.

Birthday greetings to Steve Pristop, who was eight years old on July 10.

A happy-birthday to Jason McKinley, University Square Apts. who was two years old.

Mrs. Janet Kuhn of 3 Lakeview Circle recently returned from a vacation trip to Japan. While in Japan, Mrs. Kuhn lectured at Kyorin University Medical School on Community Mental Health. She also toured mental health facilities in Tokyo and Sendoi.

Mrs. Kuhn is a therapist at the Community Mental Health Center, Laurel. Her specialty is family systems therapy.

A birthday party for Dr. Charles G. Abbot who was 100 years old, was held at 3 Lakeview Circle on June 24. Dr. and Mrs. Abbot were the guests at dinner of Mrs. Janet S. Kuhn and family and Fr. Matthew P. Thekaekara. Helping Dr. Abbot cut the birthday cake were residents of Lakeview Circle.

Throughout the evening, Dr. Abbot entertained the charmed group with humorous and informative anecdotes spanning a century. Of special interest were how he obtained Smithsonian funding for Dr. Robert H. Goddard, the father of American rocketry, his contacts with Lindberg and Guggenheim, life on a New Hampshire farm in the 1870's and his latest patent of April 1972 for obtaining electrical energy from the Sun. Dr. C. G. Abbot, born on May 31, 1872, was Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution from 1928 to 1944 and continues as Research Associate at the Smithsonian. He lives in Hyattsville with his wife. He has received numerous awards for his research on the energy of the Sun.

Sixteen townhouse families gathered together for their second annual pot luck picnic on Saturday, July 1. Many delicious dishes were prepared, including home-made ice cream for the kids.

Jay Smith, who used to live at 131 Northway, has returned to Greenbelt after spending four years at the University of Texas Medical Branch where he earned his M.D. degree. He is now serving an internship at Washington Hospital Center and lives with his wife Susan at 9316 Edmonston Road, Apt. No. 204.

It's a pink bundle for Larry and Sue Douglass. Amy Renee weighed in at 8 lbs. 11 oz. on May 28. She, her parents, brother Mark, and sister Terrie live at 209 Lakeside.

Patrick and Gerda Leveille of 9102 Springhill Lane are the proud parents of a 7 lb. 7 oz. son, Ryan Matthew, who arrived on May 30. He joins a brother, Erick.

Richard and Judy Squires, 444 Ridge, proudly announce the arrival of Mark Christopher on May 17. Mark tipped the scales at 6 lbs. 12 oz. and joins two brothers, Mike and Dennis.

BOYS CLUB NOTES

by Michael Foster

On the strength of Pat Barton's strong left arm and some timely hitting, the Big Green Machine, otherwise known as the Greenbelt Boys Club 14 year old baseball team, burned Forrestville 11-2 in an away game. The win, Greenbelt's 7th against no losses, keeps them on the top of the heap in the Boys Club American League AA division.

Southpaw Barton spun a neat 3 hitter striking out 11.

The margin of victory was secured in the first inning as 1st baseman Matt Ball blasted a 3 run triple. Rightfielder Steve Herlich followed immediately with another run scoring hit and the Greenbelters were not to be beaten.

Environmental News

by Gabe Huck

Somehow fifteen years ago I changed sides. Before that, I think I was for the insects the way I'd like to be now. Growing up, my memories of insects include only an occasional fly swatter or use of mosquito repellent (no aerosol cans yet). Mostly, insects meant some of the most exciting things to do on hot Nebraska afternoons. Our neighbors had a backyard that mostly ran to weeds — and that's where we watched the grasshoppers, spiders, ladybugs, bees, crickets, ants, wasps, moths, butterflies, caterpillars, daddy-long-legs, and beetles of all kinds. Some of them made it into our recycled mayonnaise jars with the little holes punched in the top. But mostly they were for watching.

Then it all changed. Insects became things to be killed, especially if they had the nerve to fly or crawl indoors. The only bugs I noticed were the annoying ones (to eye, ear or — ugh! touch). My concerns of those days were way above the insects. So things stood when the news broke about the sickness of the air, the water, the land. Ecology — learning how to make the earth a home — brought me back to the side of the insects. An old American Indian poem sums up the direction I'd like to move in:

Brother little fly flies around and looks at the sun.

When people stopped thinking of animals and birds and insects and fish as brothers and sisters to human beings, the stage was set for what we've done to the environment.

So here are three things to do if, you need reconciling to your insect brothers and sisters. 1. Visit and explore the wonders of your own back yard (literally) before setting off to see the wonders of Eupore, Bermuda or the Eastern Shore. 2. Spend an hour at the Insect Zoo in the Smithsonian's Natural History Museum. (It's on all summer, seven days a week, second floor.) It has the usual (ever think of a roach as an interesting animal?) and the locally unusual. 3. Read or reread *Charlotte's Web* by E. B. White sometime this summer.

PAPER PICK-UP has dropped off the last two weeks. It's every Friday morning and they'll take any kind of paper as long as it's tied or put in a sack or box.

CITY NOTES

Activities of the Public Works Dept. were shaped by the long rains of tropical storm Agnes. On the one hand they required clean-up work of the sort that follows every heavy rain; on the other hand they prohibited the usual outdoor work of crewmen, who turned to fixing playground equipment and making signs — both jobs that can be done indoors.

The general crew graded and graveled the trail around the lake. In addition, they trenched an area of poor drainage at the bay end of the lake.

They also spent one day cleaning off mud and sand that washed across Ridge Rd. near Ivy Lane. The gravel portion of Ridge near the water tower was graded to repair erosion damage following the rain. Throughout the city they cleaned storm sewers and catch basins.

Some regular jobs got done despite the rain. The Parks crew were able to get in one day of grass cutting and pruning of shrubs. They also cleaned the cemetery.

Although the Friday paper pick-up was much reduced because of the rain, the city carted off a load of large appliances. Some curb painting was also completed.

Swim For Your Life

by Leonie Penney

The Recreation Department is again opening the swimming pool for a nominal fee from 7 to 8 a.m. for the "Swim For Your Life" program. At this time the whole pool becomes one "lap area": swimming is lengthwise. The water has little chlorine in it and one can swim undisturbed for up to one full hour. Also — have you noticed that thunder showers have a tendency to develop in the afternoons, just as the offices are closing? In contrast, most mornings start with a glorious sunshine. Hope to see all of last year's early birds, and many new ones tomorrow morning.

Recreation Review

Kava Splash Party

Stereophonic Sounds 'Aquarius' by Robbie will be the feature of this Friday's splash party at the Municipal Pool. The time is 8:30 - 10:30 p.m. All teens are invited, a nominal fee will be charged.

Track Team Tryouts

Sign up at the Youth Center by 4 p.m., July 12 for tryouts to be held at Parkdale Senior High School on Saturday, July 15 at 10 a.m. for the Annual Governor's Track and Field Meet. Boys and girls must be from 8 to 17 years of age to be eligible.

Children's Show

The ever popular Janie and Carolyn's Children Show is underway. The play, this year, 'The Golden Mask' is an intriguing mystery for children. Young folks of all ages interested in working with Janie and Carolyn may come to the Youth Center Arts and Crafts Room Tuesday thru Friday at 3:30 p.m.

Registration Books Open

Voter registration books are now open for national, state and county elections. New voters may register and those already registered may report changes of address within Prince Georges County and changes of name. No affiliation changes will be accepted until after November 24, 1972.

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LITTLE LEAGUERS

by Joel Kastner

Because of rain (again), and the Fourth of July holiday, only three games were played. The Tigers, whose record has been bobbing around this season, won two of the games in National League centered action.

After the Orioles had edged the Indians, 10-9, on Thursday, the Tigers swept a doubleheader from the Lions and Giants by scores of 20-4 and 17-6 respectively. George Hanyok hit the third grand slam of the season in the first game (other slams have been by Kevin Gartis of the Cards and Craig Fitzenreiter of the Lions), and Chris Dwyer knocked a three-run homer in the second game.

This week's games: Thursday, July 6, 6 p.m. - Indians vs. Tigers; Friday, July 7, 6 p.m. - Cubs vs. Orioles, 8 p.m., Braden Field - Cards vs. Lions; Monday, July 10, 6 p.m. - Orioles vs. Tigers; Tuesday, July 11, 6 p.m. - Indians vs. Giants; Wednesday, July 12, 6 p.m. - A's vs. Cubs.

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